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SUBJECT: PRESS SUMMARY FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

NAIROBI FOR SECRETARY SHULTZ AND UNDER SECRETARY CASEY

1. HIGHLIGHTS. FRIDAY PAPERS FEATURE NIXON AIDES AND COX FAIL AFTER THREE SESSIONS TO REACH ACCORD ON TAPES, TEST WILL BE IN COURTS. NYTIMES FRONTPAGES DEMOCRATIC HOUSE LEADERS PLAN TO INSIST ANY AGNEW REPLACEMENT PLEDGE NOT TO SEEK PRESIDENCY IN 1976; WASHPOST REPORTS HOUSE SHYING AWAY FROM ANY STEPS TOWARD IMPEACHMENT OF VICE PRESIDENT; TIMES REPORTS MOST ROCKEFELLER AIDES URGE DRIVE FOR PRESIDENCY. WASHPOST FRONTPAGES PROPOSAL FOR HOUSING ALLOWANCES IS BEING HELD UP PENDING ITS STUDY IN CONNECTION WITH BROADER PLAN FOR GENERAL WELFARE REFORM.

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1A. WASHPOST FRONTPAGES GASOLINE PRICE RISE LOOMS, REPORTING DUNLOP ANNOUNCED GAS STATION DEALERS WILL BE ALLOWED TO RAISE THEIR CEILING PRICES IN OCTOBER, AS O'TOOLE REPORTS OIL IMPORTS SOAR. NYTIMES FRONTPAGES JERUSALEM STORY,

ISRAEL EXPECTS NEW US BID TO END STALEMATE UNDER KISSINGER. TIMES ALSO FRONTPAGES SENATE FRC FINDS VERY LITTLE BASIS FOR 17 WIRETAPS, AS IT BACKS KISSINGER BUT ASSAILS INFRINGEMENT OF INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS, SENATE CONFIRMATION VOTE SET FOR

TODAY. NOTHING NOTED ON DEPARTURE SHULTZ CASEY OR SALT DELEGATION.

1B. INSIDE PAPERS HAVE STORIES ON CONGRESSIONAL DEFENSE DISCUSSIONS. NYTIMES HAS MOSCOW STORY, SOVIET PRESSURE ONLY SPURS DISSIDENTS, ALSO SOVIET FORMS WORLD COPYRIGHT AGENCY; PLUS SCHEEL SEES GAINFUL NIXON-MARKET TALKS, ALSO ROME, US SAYS ITS SUPPLY OF WHEAT CAN MEET INTERNATIONAL NEEDS, AND NEW YORK, BHUTTO WARNS UN OF PERIL OF BIG-POWER TALKS.

1C. WASHPOST INSIDE REPORTS SYRIA SEEN ASKING RUSSIA FOR BETTER JETS, STORY CITING PRES. ASSAD TELLING GROUP OF LEBANESE NEWSMEN; POST ALSO HAS KUBISCH DENIES US AIDED OVERTHROW OF ALLENDE; ALSO SFRC REDUCES AMBASSADORIAL TITLES AT USUN FROM FOUR TO TWO, PLUS KISSINGER INVITES SEVERAL FRC MEMBERS TO JOIN HIM AT UN NEXT WEEK, NAMING FULBRIGHT AIKEN SPARKMAN CASE, BUT ACCEPTANCES NOT KNOWN. POST HAS BRIEF LONDON UPI REPORTING SHORTAGE OF OIL EXPECTED IN 8 YEARS BY H.R. WARMAN, EXPLORATION MANAGER OF BRITISH PETROLEUM WHO URGES IMMEDIATE PLANNING; ALSO ROMANIA AND PERU AGREED TO TAKE URGENT JOINT ACTION TO ELIMINATE THE BLOCKADE AND ISOLATION IMPOSED ON CUBA BY US AND LATIN AMERICA ACCORDING STATEMENT BY CEAUSESCU AND VELASCO; ALSO FOUR SOVIET FREIGHTERS WERE UNLOADING ARMS FOR SYRIA WHEN JETS CLASHED OVER PORT LAST WEEK, ACCORDING BEIRUT SOURCES WHICH SAID SYRIAN MIGS ENGAGED ISRAELI JETS TO PROTECT FREIGHTERS AND CARGO; ALSO SAKHAROV TOLD BOSTON GLOBE IN TELEPHONE INTERVIEW HE HAS NO HOPE OF BEING ALLOWED TO BRING HIS FAMILY TO US TO ACCEPT PRINCETON POSITION.

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2. EUROPE. NYTIMES SHABAD REPORTS INTENSIVE SOVIET PRESS CAMPAIGN AGAINST SAKHAROV, FAR FROM SUPPRESSING DISSIDENT SENTIMENT, SEEMS TO HAVE PROVIDED DOMESTIC CRITICS OF REGIME WITH NEW RALLYING POINT. TINY BAND OF FEW HUNDRED DISSIDENTS SEEK TO AIR VIEWS THROUGH HAND-TO-HAND DISSEMINATION, WHILE EDITORIAL IN THIS WEEK'S PRAVDA SUGGESTED AUTHORITIES PERHAPS NOT ENTIRELY CONVINCED OF UNANIMOUS POPULAR SUPPORT OF CONDEMNATION OF SAKHAROV.

2A. TIMES ALSO HAS HEDRICK SMITH MOSCOW REPORTING SOVIET UNION ANNOUNCED LONG-AWAITED FORMATION OF STATE COPYRIGHT AGENCY TO ACT AS CLEARING HOUSE FOR PUBLISHING SOVIET WORKS ABROAD OR FOREIGN WORKS IN SOVIET UNION. WHILE NOT SAYING WHETHER COPYRIGHT ORGANIZATION WOULD PREVENT PUB-

LICATION ABROAD OF SOVIET DISSIDENT WRITERS,BORIS PANKIN

IN TASS INTERVIEW INDICATED ORGANIZATION'S EFFORTS  
WOULD BE TO SERVE AS COMPULSORY CHANNEL FOR SOVIET AUTHORS.

2B. NYTIMES CLARITY REPORTS SCHEEL AT UN DEFENDED EUROPEAN  
COMMUNITY'S RESPONSE TO US CALL FOR NEW ATLANTIC CHARTER,  
SAYING RESPONSE PROVIDES BASIS FOR FRUITFUL TALKS BETWEEN  
NIXON AND COMMART AND HE DISAPPOINTED BY DOCUMENT'S AP-  
PRAISAL BY AMERICAN PRESS AS VAGUE AND OMITTING DEFENSE  
PROBLEMS, POINTING OUT LATTER PROBLEMS WILL BE DISCUSSED  
AT NATO. ASKED ABOUT BONN POLICY REGARDING HUMAN RIGHTS  
AS OUTLINED IN UN CHARTER AND IN CONNECTION SAKHAROV,  
SCHEEL SAID UN CANNOT INTERFERE IN INNER SYSTEM OF NATIONS  
BUT THIS DOESN'T PRECLUDE FRANK DISCUSSION OF SUCH CASES  
BY WEST GERMAN POLITICIANS.

2C. NYTIMES ALDEN REPORTS BHUTTO TOLD UNGA GREATEST IMPED-  
IMENT TO PEACE IN WORLD IS INJUSTICE IMPOSED ON WEAK BY  
STRONG AND ASKED WHETHER CURRENT DIALOGUE BETWEEN GREAT  
POWERS IS ON HOW TO DIVIDE WORLD INTO SPHERES OF INFLUENCE;  
ADDING ENTIRE WORLD WOULD BE REASSURED BY DEMONSTRATION  
DIALOGUE IS FREE FROM MACHIAVELLIAN ELEMENTS; BHUTTO  
TRUSTS SUPERPOWERS AREN'T COMBINING FOR A SUPERHEGEMONY  
OVER WORLD.  
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3. US STORIES. WASHPOST SHAW REPORTS STATE DEPARTMENT  
STATEMENT DENIED REPORTS US HAD FINANCED TRUCK DRIVERS'  
STRIKE IN CHILE. JACK KUBISCH REPEATED TO HOUSE FOREIGN  
AFFAIRS SUBCOMMITTEE STRONG DENIALS OF ANY DIRECT OR IN-  
DIRECT ROLE IN LAST WEEK'S COUP, ALTHOUGH HE DECLINED TO  
DISCUSS IN PUBLIC THE QUESTION OF POSSIBLE FINANCING FROM  
OUTSIDE CHILE. OBSERVERS FOLLOWING LATIN AMERICAN AFFAIRS  
SUGGESTED KUBISCH MAY HAVE DODGED QUESTION BECAUSE US  
INTELLIGENCE SOURCES HAD INFORMATION ABOUT MONEY GOING TO  
ALLENDE'S OPPONENTS FROM NON-GOVERNMENT SOURCES. FRI-  
DAY NYTIMES SPECIAL ADDS KUBISCH SAID NUMEROUS REPORTS  
ABOUT POSSIBLE COUP HAD BEEN RECEIVED IN WASHINGTON BUT  
NONE HAD BEEN VIEWED AS RELIABLE.

3A. WASHPOST ASTRACHAN AT UN REPORTS SFRC HAS CUT US  
AMBASSADORS TO UN FROM FOUR TO TWO AS PART OF QUARREL WITH  
ADMINISTRATION OVER DIPLOMATIC APPOINTMENTS. COMMITTEE  
SENT ONLY NOMINATIONS OF JOHN SCALI AND CLYDE FERGUSON  
TO SENATE, WHILE STRIPPING AMBASSADORIAL TITLE FROM BENNETT  
AND SCHAUFLE AND REFUSING TO GRANT TITLE TO BARBARA WHITE.  
COMMITTEE ASKED ADMINISTRATION WHY IT WANTED SO MANY  
AMBASSADORS; RUSH REPLYING WITH FOUR PAGES SINGLE SPACED  
LETTER CITING PREFERENCE OF MANY COUNTRIES TO DEAL ON

AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL, FACT SOVIET UNION AND CHINA HAVE

AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL, FACT SOVIET UNION AND CHINA HAVE THREE AMBASSADORS, AND THAT NO. 2 AND 3 MEN AT USUN HAVE CARRIED AMBASSADORIAL RANK FOR YEARS. STATE LOBBYISTS ARE REPORTEDLY PLEADING THAT IF CUTBACK TO TWO POSITIONS STICKS, SECOND ONE SHOULD BE BENNETT AND NOT FERGUSON.

3B. NYTIMES FINNEY REPORTS SENATE BEGAN WHAT IS EXPECTED TO BE PROTRACTED DEBATE ON NIXON DEFENSE POLICIES, WITH MILITARY SPENDING ISSUE ENMESHED IN CONFRONTATION BETWEEN SYMINGTON AND JACKSON AND HIGH POINTS BEING TRIDENT AND MANSFIELD FORCE REDUCTION PROPOSAL.

3C. WASHPOST REPORTS REP. ASPIN IS TOLD TO PUT UP OR SHUT UP, CHAIRMAN HEBERT SAYING NAVY TOLD HIM PROGRAM TO UNCLASSIFIED

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DEVELOP A SHIP THAT WILL SPEED ACROSS WATER ON CUSHION OF AIR AT 80 MPH IS PROCEEDING SUCCESSFULLY, WHEREAS ASPIN HAS SAID IT IS IN SERIOUS TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES, COST OVERRUNS AND MISMANAGEMENT.

3D. WASHPOST O'TOOLE, CITING TEASURY'S SIMON, REPORTS US NOW IMPORTING OIL FROM MIDDLE EAST AT RECORD RATE OF MORE THAN ONE MILLION BARRELS A DAY, RAISING OVERALL IMPORTS TO SIX MILLION BARRELS, AN INCREASE OF 32 PERCENT ABOVE A YEAR AGO, WITH ALMOST ENTIRE INCREASE COMING FROM 12 MIDEAST COUNTRIES WITH BIGGEST BOOSTS FROM IRAN AND SAUDI ARABIA. BIG INCREASE FROM MIDDLE EAST MEANS US WILL PAY OUT RECORD 7.5 BILLIONS THIS YEAR FOR OIL IMPORTS WITH US EXPECTING TO OFFSET 70 PERCENT OF THAT THROUGH REPATRIATED PROFITS AND EXPORTS OF ITS OWN, BUT STILL LEAVING COUNTRY WITH OIL DEFICIT OF MORE THAN 2 BILLIONS.

4. COMMENT. JOSEPH ALSOP COMMENTS SOVIET AMBASSADOR DOBRYNIN, WITH IMMEDIATE AND CONTINUOUS ACCESS TO KISSINGER'S OFFICE AND WITH A SOVIET EMBASSY STAFF WORKING CLOSE TO FULL TIME ON CAPITOL HILL, MUST BE FULLY INFORMED ABOUT THE REALITIES OF THE OVERWHELMING SUPPORT FOR THE JACKSON AMENDMENT. CONSIDERING DOBRYNIN'S AWARENESS, ALSOP QUESTIONS THE MUCH-VAUNTED KREMLIN DESIRE FOR DETENTE WITH THE WEST, THE ONLY SOLID ARGUMENT FOR THE GENUINENESS OF DETENTE MOVES BEING THE SOVIETS' UNDOUBTED NEEDS FOR ECONOMIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL REWARDS.

4A. EVANS AND NOVAK REPORT PRESIDENT'S PLEDGE TO GIVE RUSSIANS MFN STATUS IS AT LEAST TEMPORARILY DOOMED. ROOT CAUSE IS HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL JACKSON CAMPAIGN BACKED BY AMERICAN JEWISH COMMUNITY, FOLLOWED BY CIVIL RIGHTS STRUGGLE OF SOVIET DISSIDENTS. SOMETHING CLOSE TO PANIC IN WHITE HOUSE IS RESULT, AS KISSINGER CANCELS HIS APPEARANCE BEFORE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE AS FUTILE. ADMINISTRATION STRATEGISTS HOPING KISSINGER MAY STILL CHARM

COMMITTEE WITHIN NEXT TWO WEEKS TO GET APPROVAL OF MFN FOR  
RUSSIA OR PERSUADE COMMITTEE TO PASS CORMAN-PETTIS COM-  
PROMISE. DEEPER IMPLICATIONS LIE AHEAD PARTICULARLY HOW  
KREMLIN WILL REACT WHEN NIXON PLEDGE FAILS AND IMPACT ON  
BIG BUSINESS LOOKING TO PROFITS FROM EXPANDED TRADE.  
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4B. NYTIMES EDITORIAL ON EUROPEAN VOICE SAYS RESPONSE  
OF NINE COMMART NATIONS INCLUDES MORE COMMON LANGUAGE ON  
MORE GENERAL PRINCIPLES THAN EUROPEAN CONTINENT HAS HEARD  
FOR LONG TIME AND PROBABLY SEEMS TO NIXON KISSINGER MORE  
PROMISING THAN THEY HAD DARED HOPE. NYTIMES STRESSES PAR-  
TICIPATION OF FRANCE, SAYING POMPIDOU IS REPORTEDLY NER-  
VOUS ABOUT A RESURGENCE OF CONGRESSIONAL POWER THAT COULD  
LEAD TO PRECIPITOUS TROOP WITHDRAWAL AND A NATIONALISTIC  
TRADE STANCE. TIMES SEES GROWING HOPE EUROPEANS MAY COVER  
ENTIRE BILLION AND HALF FOREIGN CURRENCY COST OF MAINTAIN-  
ING AMERICAN GARRISON IN EUROPE AND SAYS SUCH AN OFFER  
COULD SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVE TRANS-ATLANTIC ATMOSPHERE AND  
PRESIDENTIAL VISIT MIGHT SERVE AS OCCASION FOR LOCATING AN  
ARTICULATE EUROPEAN VOICE AND YEAR OF EUROPE MIGHT AMOUNT  
TO SOMETHING AFTER ALL. RUSH

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